

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 05/06-14

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005/06 GROUP HOME MONTHLY VISITS
(GHMV) STATE GENERAL FUND (SGF) ALLOCATION

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with their final FY 2005/06 allocations for GHMV. A total of \$11,575,000 in SGF for monthly visits to foster children placed in out-of-state and in-state group home facilities has been made available upon approval of the 2005/06 Budget Act. These visits are to be conducted either by County Welfare Departments (CWDs) or County Probation Departments (CPDs) as instructed in All County Letter No. 98-81.

In prior years, the GHMV funds were allocated based 100 percent on the average monthly caseload of each component of the allocation. However, a change in caseload data collection beginning with June 2004 resulted in a reduced comparability in monthly caseload averages. In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, a new methodology was agreed upon for the distribution of the FY 05/06 allocation.

PROBATION

The enclosed attachment displays the combined SGF allocation of \$4,612,200 for in-state and out-of-state monthly visits conducted by Probation Officers. This allocation was reduced \$1.5 million from the previous year due to a reduction in Probation cases. The in-state portion of the allocation was distributed based 75 percent on each county's percent to the statewide total of the four most recent quarters (June 2004 – March 2005) of actual GHMV Probation expenditures as claimed on the County Expense Claim (CEC). The remaining 25 percent of funds were distributed based on each county's percent to the statewide total of probation supervised group home placements extracted from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) reports for calendar year (CY) 2004. The out-of-state portion of the allocation was distributed based on each county's percent to the statewide total of probation supervised children in out-of-state group home placements extracted from the CWS/CMS reports for CY 2004. Funds were adjusted to ensure counties a minimum floor of \$1,000.

County Probation Officers performing these monthly visits will account for their time and report expenditures through a Memorandum of Understanding with the CWDs, and in accordance with the claim instructions issued in CFL No. 99/00-62 dated May 23, 2000. Federally eligible expenditures submitted to the CWD will be charged to Program Code (PC) 579-Monthly Visits for Group Home Placements (Probation). PC 581 - Non-federal Monthly Visits, has been established so CPDs can report non-federal costs after they apply their own non-federal discount ratio. Expenditures exceeding the Probation SGF allocation will be shifted to county only via State Use Only (SUO) Code 329.

WELFARE

The attachment also displays the SGF allocation of \$6,962,800 for monthly visits conducted by Social Workers, and was distributed based 75 percent on each county's percent to the statewide total of the four most recent quarters (June 2004 – March 2005) of actual GHMV Welfare expenditures as claimed on the CEC. The remaining 25 percent of funds were distributed based on each county's percent to the statewide total of welfare supervised group home placements extracted from the CWS/CMS reports for CY 2004. The out-of-state portion of the allocation was distributed based on each county's percent to the statewide total of welfare supervised children in out-of-state group home placements extracted from the CWS/CMS report for CY 2004. Funds were adjusted to ensure counties a minimum floor of \$1,000.

County Social Workers performing these monthly visits will charge their costs to PC 577-Monthly Visits for Group Home Placements/CWD on the CEC. The non-federal discount ratio is automatically applied to PC 577 and the non-federal portion is shifted via PC 586, which is funded at 100 percent SGF. Expenditures exceeding the Welfare SGF allocation will be shifted and funded at the normal CWS Case Management sharing ratio via SUO Codes 045 and 051 for CWS costs. SUO code 051 is tracked against the CWS Allocation.

Any questions concerning this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

KATHY FARMER, Chief
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

**GROUP HOME MONTHLY VISITS
FY 2005/06 ALLOCATION**

COUNTY	PROBATION ALLOCATION SGF	WELFARE ALLOCATION SGF	TOTAL ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$221,354	\$560,911	\$782,265
Alpine	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Amador	\$4,220	\$1,675	\$5,895
Butte	\$37,924	\$18,127	\$56,051
Calaveras	\$6,982	\$6,319	\$13,301
Colusa	\$5,473	\$1,000	\$6,473
Contra Costa	\$155,045	\$408,752	\$563,797
Del Norte	\$2,715	\$1,934	\$4,649
El Dorado	\$32,482	\$7,361	\$39,843
Fresno	\$111,566	\$132,762	\$244,328
Glenn	\$1,020	\$7,349	\$8,369
Humboldt	\$12,246	\$2,302	\$14,548
Imperial	\$21,382	\$50,276	\$71,658
Inyo	\$4,987	\$2,846	\$7,833
Kern	\$81,037	\$87,566	\$168,603
Kings	\$10,132	\$4,311	\$14,443
Lake	\$45,250	\$13,742	\$58,992
Lassen	\$50,898	\$2,472	\$53,370
Los Angeles	\$1,416,919	\$1,930,269	\$3,347,188
Madera	\$10,491	\$7,484	\$17,975
Marin	\$60,384	\$6,217	\$66,601
Mariposa	\$3,940	\$8,267	\$12,207
Mendocino	\$21,686	\$74,198	\$95,884
Merced	\$35,608	\$31,578	\$67,186
Modoc	\$3,450	\$1,000	\$4,450
Mono	\$5,497	\$4,603	\$10,100
Monterey	\$182,283	\$62,915	\$245,198
Napa	\$23,638	\$20,715	\$44,353
Nevada	\$17,770	\$7,484	\$25,254
Orange	\$43,811	\$532,480	\$576,291
Placer	\$46,700	\$28,473	\$75,173
Plumas	\$16,051	\$6,925	\$22,976
Riverside	\$54,252	\$325,426	\$379,678
Sacramento	\$415,310	\$310,238	\$725,548
San Benito	\$5,912	\$2,567	\$8,479
San Bernardino	\$175,040	\$600,448	\$775,488
San Diego	\$86,176	\$505,647	\$591,823
San Francisco	\$158,422	\$148,297	\$306,719
San Joaquin	\$195,824	\$132,455	\$328,279
San Luis Obispo	\$13,107	\$10,536	\$23,643
San Mateo	\$113,786	\$7,307	\$121,093
Santa Barbara	\$47,921	\$116,745	\$164,666
Santa Clara	\$272,605	\$273,798	\$546,403
Santa Cruz	\$35,653	\$24,632	\$60,285
Shasta	\$16,423	\$28,921	\$45,344
Sierra	\$1,000	\$7,021	\$8,021
Siskiyou	\$18,493	\$6,714	\$25,207
Solano	\$22,390	\$40,409	\$62,799
Sonoma	\$103,772	\$157,279	\$261,051
Stanislaus	\$18,825	\$50,269	\$69,094
Sutter	\$14,751	\$4,222	\$18,973
Tehama	\$12,463	\$3,922	\$16,385
Trinity	\$1,612	\$2,159	\$3,771
Tulare	\$27,562	\$39,762	\$67,324
Tuolumne	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Ventura	\$77,243	\$81,752	\$158,995
Yolo	\$23,540	\$27,906	\$51,446
Yuba	\$5,177	\$20,055	\$25,232
TOTAL	\$4,612,200	\$6,962,800	\$11,575,000